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SUBJECT: SUBVERSIVE "RED BOOMERANG" PLOT IS BROKEN

1. SANTIAGO PRESS NOVEMBER 11 HEADLINES GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MAJOR SUBVERSIVE PLOT WITH CODE NAME "RED BOOMERANG" HAS BEEN BROKEN BY GOC SECURITY FORCES. PRINCIPAL ELEMENT, ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT, WAS TO HAVE BEEN INFILTRATION OF 1200 CUBAN-TRAINED EXTREMISTS INTO CHILE VIA MOUNTAIN PASSES FROM ARGENTINA. OF THIS NUMBER, ONLY 100 REPORTEDLY ENTERED, OF WHOM 14 ARE DETAINED. ENTER ENTERPRISE WAS RUN BY ENTITY CALLED THE "REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING BOARD," AND INVOLVED CONSIDERABLE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FROM ARGENTINE ERP. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT, SOME TYPE OF TERRORIST ACTION WAS PLANNED FOR NOV 15, POSSIBLY INCLUDING ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND OTHER SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. FINAL PHASE WAS TO HAVE BEEN RE-ENTRY TO CHILE OF SEVERAL TOP MIR LEADERS IN EXILE. IN STOPPING THE PLOT, SECURITY FORCES CONDUCTED SEARCHES OF SOUTHERN PASSES, BROKE UP SENIOR LEADERSHIP OF EXTREMIST MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) IN OCT 15 SHOOTOUT NEAR SANTIAGO, AND CAPTURED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF MIR DOCUMENTS. SOME OF THESE DOCUMENTS ALLEGEDLY DIRECTLY IMPLICATE INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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PEACE COMMITTEE WHICH IS ALREADY UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE

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2. PRESS ALSO PRINTED A SECOND GOC ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH REPORTED THE BREAK-UP OF A MIR CELL IN THE NORTHERN TOWN OF COPIAPO. SEVEN PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, OF WHOM TWO ARE CATHOLIC PRIESTS AND ITALIAN NATIONALS. ONE PRIEST, WHO REPORTEDLY WORKED WITH CHRISTIAN YOUTH GROUPS, IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE MIR AND TO HAVE PROVIDED IT WITH VARIOUS FORMS OF ASSISTANCE. SECOND PRIEST, A "SPECIALIST IN ORGANIZING CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES," WAS ALSO CHARGED WITH BEING IN CONTACT WITH MIR CELL AND WITH HAVING SUBVERSIVE PROPAGANDA, INCLUDING TWO AUTOGRAPHED POSTERS OF CHE GUEVARA. ITALIAN EMBASSY HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED CONSULAR ACCESS TO THE TWO, AND GOC SPOKESMAN IS QUOTED AS SAYING IT WILL BE GRANTED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MANY PEOPLE MAY FIND DIMENSIONS OF REPORTED PLOT DIFFICULT TO CREDIT, APPARENTLY GOC TAKES IT QUITE SERIOUSLY. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO CONFIRM EXISTENCE OF SUCH A PLOT, BUT WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT MUCH OF THE INFORMATION ON WHICH GOC ACCOUNT IS BASED CAME FROM ARGENTINE INTELLIGENCE SOURCES. GOC ACCOUNT MAKES NO REFERENCE TO COMMUNIST PLOT INTER ALIA TO ASSASSINATE PINOCHET, WHICH WAS PUBLICLY DENOUNCED BY NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE (DINA) ON OCT 31 (SANTIAGO 7368 NOTAL), BUT AT LEAST IN GOC MINDS THERE MAY BE SOME CONNECTION.

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